

## **MICHAEL VAUGHN**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

Michael Vaughn, a son of William Vaughn, was born on October 11, 1823, in the parish of Dinister Monmouthshire, Wales, and was a coal miner by occupation. He was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Blana , June 13, 1850, and on April 16, 1854 was married to Jane Witchell, a daughter of William Witchell at Hanover Church. She died at Lehi January 25, 1893.

In 1858, he emigrated to Utah, his wife following three years later. In 1859, he located in Lehi and for several years was employed by Bishop Evans, but it was not long before he secured some land and commenced farming for himself. His principal occupation during the remainder of his life was tilling the soil. For eighteen years he was a dealer in coal, his stand being located near the D. & R. G. depot and for a number of years he was agent for farm machinery.

Mr. Vaughan was an earnest church worker and during his entire sojourn in Lehi was a faithful and efficient member of the choir and was seldom absent from his place among the basses. For many years he was a devoted Sunday School worker and block teacher; for a number of. years presided over the priests quorum and in this position won the love and respect of the young men of the organization.

On May 6, 1863,. he married Jane Mariah Brain, a daughter of Thomas and Mariah Brain who was born May 1, 1841, in Bambury, Oxfordshire, England. Her parents being members of the Mormon Church, she was baptized when eight years of age and emigrated to Utah in 1862, crossing the plains in Homer Duncan's company, coming direct to Lehi where she had a sister living.

To this union were born nine children, three of whom died in infancy; the others are: Mariah Brain (Mrs. Mark Austin), Michael Thomas, (deceased), William

Henry, Emily Jane (deceased), George Isaac, and Eleazer (deceased.) Mr. Vaughan died February 21, 1893.